

LEADING FACTS FOR THE UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

August 26, 1963

SUBJECT: Soviet Military Presence in Cuba.

QUESTION:

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ANSWERED:

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SUBJECT MATTER IN BRIEF:

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BRIEFING PAPER FOR THE PRESIDENT'S PRESS CONFERENCE

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BACKGROUND:

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SUGGESTED POINTS IN REPLY:

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